

Appl. No. 10/527,926
Amd. Dated February 13, 2007
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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Fig.1 and Fig.5B. First of these sheets, which includes Fig.1 only, replaces the original sheet including Fig.1. In Figure 1, previously omitted legend --PRIOR ART-- has been added.

Second of these sheets, which includes Fig. 5A and 5B, replaces the original sheet including Fig.5A and Fig.5B. In Figure 5B, previously omitted legend FIG 5B has been added.

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Remarks/Arguments:

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1-4 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 5-6 remain in this application. Claims 7-8 have been amended. Additional amendments to the specification and drawings have been made. It is believed that no new matter has been added by way of any the amendments provided herein.

In the "Drawings" section of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that first and last figures lack a legend such as FIG 1 and FIG 5B. Examiner also indicated that Figure 1 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art--. Applicants have amended Figures 1 and 5B accordingly in order to introduce legends "FIG 1 PRIOR ART" and "FIG 5B". It is believed that these amendments obviate the objection to the drawings.

In the "Specification" section of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that informalities exist in page 13, line 23 wherein it is disclosed a figure 3B that is not in drawings and in page 14, lines 4 and 15 wherein it is disclosed figures 6A and 6B that are not in drawings. Applicants have amended objected specification parts and changed "figure 3B" reference into "Figure 1" reference and "figure 6A and 6B" references into "Figure 5A" and "Figure 5B" references. It is believed that these amendments obviate the objection to the specification.

Examiner has rejected claims 1-4 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gissler et al. Applicants have cancelled claims 1-4. Allowed claims 7 and 8 have been amended in order to include limitations from claims they were initially referring to.

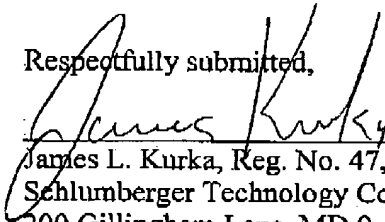
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Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Applicant believes this reply to be fully responsive to all outstanding issues and place this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated November 14, 2006 for which the three-month date for response is February 14, 2007. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-2183 (Reference Number 21.1046).

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